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In re application of: Peter R. Fenner

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Examiner: Hanh Nguyen

Group No.: 2662

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USE OF ASSOCIATED
MEMORY WITH LARGE KEY SPACESBOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Director of the United States
Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicant is responding to the Office action dated October 16, 2002.

The following remarks are not intended to narrow the scope or meaning of any of the terms in the claims. They are intended only to point out deficiencies in the reasoning of the rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of all pending claims, namely claims 19-28 and 32-40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), based on a combination of Gough (U.S. Patent No. 3,678,391) and Yotsutani *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,843,622) is in error for several reasons, several of which are discussed below. Thus, the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

Applicant therefore traverses the rejection and requests that it be withdrawn.

The burden is on the Examiner to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

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